

LAMP SHADE ASSEMBLY**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****1. Field of the Invention**

The invention relates to a lampshade assembly, more particularly to a lampshade assembly, which has a light emanating portion and a shroud covering the light emanating portion.

2. Description of the Related Art

A conventional lampshade 1 is shown in Figure 1. The lampshade 1 has a cover body 10 with an open end 100. The lampshade 1 is applicable on a table lamp, a ceiling lamp, a wall lamp or a stand lamp. The cover body 10 is made of a non-transparent material so as to produce a gentle light output. However, the conventional lampshade 1 has the following disadvantages:

1. Since light rays can emanate only from a forward end and a backward end of the lampshade 1, brightness is limited.

2. Heat of a light bulb is dissipated only through the open end 100 such that the heat dissipation effect is limited.

3. The color of the light produced from the lampshade 1 is attributed solely to the light bulb per se and cannot be altered and diversified.

25 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Therefore, the object of the present invention is to provide a lampshade assembly that can dissipate heat

effectively and that can add color to the monotonous light output of a light bulb mounted thereinside.

According to this invention, a lampshade assembly comprises a main cover body and a reflector shroud. The 5 main cover body surrounds a receiving space, and is formed with a light emanating portion. The light emanating portion defines at least one opening. The reflector shroud is mounted on the cover body, and is disposed surroundingly about and is spaced apart from 10 the light emanating portion to define a heat dissipating space.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent in the following detailed 15 description of the preferred embodiments with reference to the accompanying drawings, of which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a conventional lampshade;

20 Figure 2 is a perspective view of the first preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention;

Figure 3 is a partly exploded perspective view of the first preferred embodiment, illustrating a main cover body and a reflector shroud;

25 Figure 4 is a schematic view of the first preferred embodiment in an assembled state;

Figure 5 is a schematic view of the first preferred

embodiment, illustrating the reflector shroud prior to engagement with the cover body;

Figure 6 is a schematic view of the first preferred embodiment, illustrating the reflector shroud after engagement with the cover body;

Figure 7 is an exploded perspective view of the second preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention;

Figure 8 is an exploded perspective view of the third preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention; and

Figure 9 is an exploded perspective view of the fourth preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention.

15 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Before the present invention is described in greater detail, it should be noted that like elements are denoted by the same reference numerals throughout the disclosure.

20 Referring to Figures 2 to 6, the first preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention is shown to comprise a main cover body 2, a mounting unit, and a reflector shroud 3.

The main cover body 2 surrounds a receiving space 25, and is formed with a light emanating portion 26. The cover body 2 has a cone-shaped wall 20 which includes a converging end 202, a diverging end 201, and an

intermediate portion between the converging and diverging ends 202, 201. The light emanating portion 26 is disposed in the intermediate portion of the wall 20. The cover body 2 has a substantially cone-shaped 5 first section 22 adjacent to the converging end 202, and a truncated cone-shaped second section 23 adjacent to the diverging end 201 and spaced apart from the first section 22. The light emanating portion 26 is defined by an opening 21 between the first and second sections 10 22, 23. Thus, the opening 21 is substantially ring-shaped.

The mounting unit is attached to the cover body 2 to hold the shroud 3, and includes three mounting elements 24, each of which has an inner end secured to 15 the cover body 2 and extends outwardly from the inner end to connect with the shroud 3. Specifically, each mounting element 24 includes a U-shaped member which has a bight portion 242 extending across the opening 21, two opposed arms 240, 241 extending respectively and inwardly from two ends of the bight portion 242, and two end flanges 243 extending respectively from the 20 arms 240, 241 in opposite directions away from the arms 240, 241. The flanges 243 are secured respectively to the peripheral ends 220, 230 of the first and second sections 22, 23 proximate to the opening 21 by a welding process. The bight portion 242 is spaced apart from the 25 light emanating portion 26 by a suitable gap 27, and

is generally parallel to the wall 20 of the cover body 2, as shown by the arrow 28 in Figure 4.

The reflector shroud 3 is mounted on the cover body 2 through the mounting elements 24, and is disposed 5 surroundingly about and spaced apart from the light emanating portion 26 to define a heat dissipating space 4 (see Figure 4). The shroud 3 has a truncated cone-shape, and has an inner surface 30 formed with three positioning hooks 31 that engage the respective bight portions 242 of the mounting elements 24. Generally, the number of 10 the positioning hooks 31 corresponds to the number of the bight portions 242 of the mounting elements 24. The positioning hooks 31 engage the respective bight portions 242 of the mounting elements 24 by rotating 15 the shroud 3 relative to the cover body 2, as shown in Figures 5 and 6, so that the shroud 3 is positioned on the cover body 2 (see Figures 2 and 4), thereby forming the heat dissipating space 4 between the inner surface 30 of the shroud 3 and the light emanating portion 26 20 of the cover body 2.

When light rays are produced from a light bulb (not shown) in the cover body 2, the light rays not only come out of the diverging end 201 of the cover body 2, but also from the light emanating portion 26 and the heat 25 dissipating space 4. The light emanating portion 26 can dissipate heat generated by the light bulb through the heat dissipating space 4, thereby enhancing the heat

dissipating effect of the lampshade assembly of the present invention.

On the other hand, the inner surface 30 of the shroud 3 may be coated with a heat-resistant pigment layer, or heat-resistant fluorescent pigment layer 300. The color of the light bulb may be yellowish or white. When the light rays from the light bulb emanates from the opening 21, the color thereof is altered as it is mixed with the color of the heat resistant pigment layer or 10 the heat resistant fluorescent pigment layer 300. When the mixed colors of the light are reflected and redirected outward by the shroud 3, a more pleasant color effect is produced.

Figure 7 illustrates the second preferred embodiment 15 of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention, which is substantially similar to the first preferred embodiment. However, in this embodiment, the main cover body 2' further includes three spaced-apart strips 29 connected to and cooperating with the 20 peripheral ends 220, 230 of the first and second sections 22, 23 to define three annularly spaced-apart openings 21' in the light emanating portion 26 of the cover body 2'. The inner surface 30 of the shroud 3 is not formed with positioning hooks in this embodiment. Each of the 25 mounting elements includes a U-shaped member 5 secured to the peripheral end 220, 230 of one of the first and second sections 22, 23. The U-shaped member 5 has a bight

portion 51 and two opposite arms 52 projecting from the bight portion 51. One of the arms 52 is secured to one of the first and second sections 22, 23, whereas the other one of the arms 52 is connected to the inner surface 5 30 of the shroud 3 by a welding process so as to position the shroud 3 on the main cover body 2'. The main cover body 2' has a similar effect as that of the cover body 2 of the first preferred embodiment shown in Figure 2.

Referring to Figure 8, the third preferred embodiment 10 of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention is shown to be substantially similar to the second preferred embodiment. However, in this embodiment, the strips 29' are integrally formed with the peripheral ends 220, 230 of the first and second 15 sections 22, 23 of the main cover body 2".

Referring to Figure 9, the fourth preferred embodiment of a lampshade assembly according to the present invention is shown to be substantially similar 20 to the third preferred embodiment. However, in this embodiment, the main cover body 2a is a one-piece body. The light emanating portion 26 includes a plurality of openings 21a. Each of the mounting elements includes a pair of spaced-apart U-shaped members 5 secured to the light emanating portion 26. Each U-shaped member 25 5 has a bight portion 51 and two opposite arms 52 projecting from the bight portion 51. One of the arms 52 is secured to the light emanating portion 26, whereas

the other one of the arms 52 is connected to the shroud
3. The advantages of the first preferred embodiment can
be similarly attained by the fourth preferred
embodiment.

5 While the present invention has been described in
connection with what is considered the most practical
and preferred embodiments, it is understood that this
invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiments
but is intended to cover various arrangements included
10 within the spirit and scope of the broadest
interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications
and equivalent arrangements.